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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH COOPERATION WITH VENEZUELAN
MINISTRIES OF COMMUNICATIONS (MOC) AND PUBLIC WORKS (MPW)

REF: STATE 53687 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS MET WITH DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION, GENERAL ASUAJE AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR, GEORGE WALER, ON MARCH 28 TO DISCUSS TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH COOPERATION WITH VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT.

2. EMBASSY NOTED CROSSING OF MINISTER BUSTAMANTE AND SECRETARY BRINEGAR LETTERS AND REITERATED DEPARTMENT TRANSPORTATION INTEREST IN DEVELOPING AND EXPANDING COOPERATION WITH VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT. EMBASSY ALSO REVIEWED DOT RESEARCH COOPERATION PROJECT AND LEFT ANOTHER COPY OF MEMORANDUM UNDERSTANDING STANDARD DRAFT.

3. EMBOFF GAINED IMPRESSION FROM GENERAL ASUAJE THAT IF MOC SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DEPARTMENT TRANSPORTATION IT WOULD PREFER GO IT ALONE WITHOUT MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS INVOLVEMENT. (FOLLOWING VISIT OF FORMER SECRETARY VOLPE TO CARACAS, EMBASSY FORWARDED COPY OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING THAT WAS SIGNED WITH MEXICO TO MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HEAD " CORDIPLAN" SOLICITING THEIR VIEWS. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY FROM EITHER OF THESE OFFICES.) IDEA WOULD BE THAT MOP COULD SIGN SEPARATE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WHEN IAND IF IT DESIRES OR THAT MOP PORTION COULD BE TACKED ON TO ORIGINAL AGREEMENT AT SUBSEQUENT UNCLASSIFIED

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4. GENERAL ASUAJE INDICATED HE WOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH MINISTER COMMUNICATIONS AND ADVISE EMBASSY OF NEXT MOVE TO BE TAKEN BY MINISTRY.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT MOC DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN SIGNING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND SUGGESTS DOT MAY WISH TO REVIEW THE DRAFTS WHICH WERE SUBMITTED EARLIER BY MOC TO ARRIVE AT REVISED DRAFT WHICH MAY BE ACCEPTABLE BOTH PARTIES.
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